suggestion to combat smoking at work-place and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) No report on any study made by the International Labour Organisation, suggesting the adoption of policies to restrict or ban smoking at work-places, has come to the notice of the Government. However, an article entitled "Battle joined against smoking on the job" in the ILO information (No. 1, 1992) has reported how current public opinion is turning in favour of restricting or banning smoking at the work-place. This is not an official record of the International Labour Organisation.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Environment Tax in India

844. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce Environment Tax in India ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what is the stance of Government towards the United Nations financing of the Global Environment Protection Projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government of India is of the vie that adequate, new and additional financia resources should be provided to the dev loping countries for environment protectio projects.

Migratory Birds in India

845. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA Will the Minister of ENVIRONMEN AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the numbe of migratory birds in India has decreasec over the years ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what are the names of such resort in India where the birds usually migrate and from where ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT ANI FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) Among the migratory birds visiting India, only the number of visiting Siberian cranes has been reported to be decreasing, from more than 200 in 1960 to 38 in 1987 and to 10 in 1991.

(c) Every year a large number of migratory birds visit India for wintering from Iran, Afghanistan, China, Russia, Poland and other countries of the trans-Himalayan palaearctic region. A list of important wetlands in India used by these birds for wintering is given in the Statement annexed.

Statement

List of Important Wetlands used as Wintering areas by Migratory Water Fowl

S. No.	Name of Wetland	State	District
1	2	3	4
1	Pangong Tso	J & K	Ladakh
2	Chushul marshes	J & K	Ladakh
3	Hanle River marshes	J & K	Leh, Ladakh
4	Tso Morari	J & K	Ladakh